

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Inventory Number: ~~H-0028~~ CH-872

Address: 5350 Washington Avenue, Charles County - in the vicinity of La Plata

Owner: Coffey, Wade S

Tax Parcel Number: 304 Tax Map Number: 23

Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: X no \_\_\_ yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended \_\_\_ Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D Considerations: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D \_\_\_ E \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ G X None

Is property located within a historic district?: X no \_\_\_ yes Name of District: \_\_\_\_\_

Is district listed?: X no \_\_\_ yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

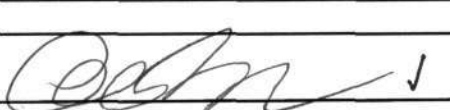
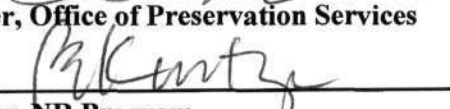
**Description of Property and Eligibility Determination** *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

5350 Washington Avenue is a two-story Colonial Revival-style house with two one-story wings on either side. The main section of the building is clad with brick and is covered by a side gable roof with a centered gable on the façade. The wings are clad with horizontal siding and are covered by side gable roofs with hipped ends. A central portico supported by paired Tuscan columns and capped by a wood balustrade marks the entrance to the house.

Charles County's late 19th- and early 20th-century history is dominated by industrial and urban development. The greatest impact upon community growth came from the railroad. The completion of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad's (B&P) mainline from Bowie in Prince George's County to Pope's Creek in Charles County in 1872 prompted local entrepreneurs to establish stores and other commercial facilities near the railroad stations. The B&P Railroad's La Plata station still stands at the intersection of the rail line with Charles Street.

As La Plata grew, Charles County citizens lobbied to have the county seat moved from Port Tobacco to La Plata. La Plata became the county seat of Charles County's government in 1895 and a new courthouse was erected in

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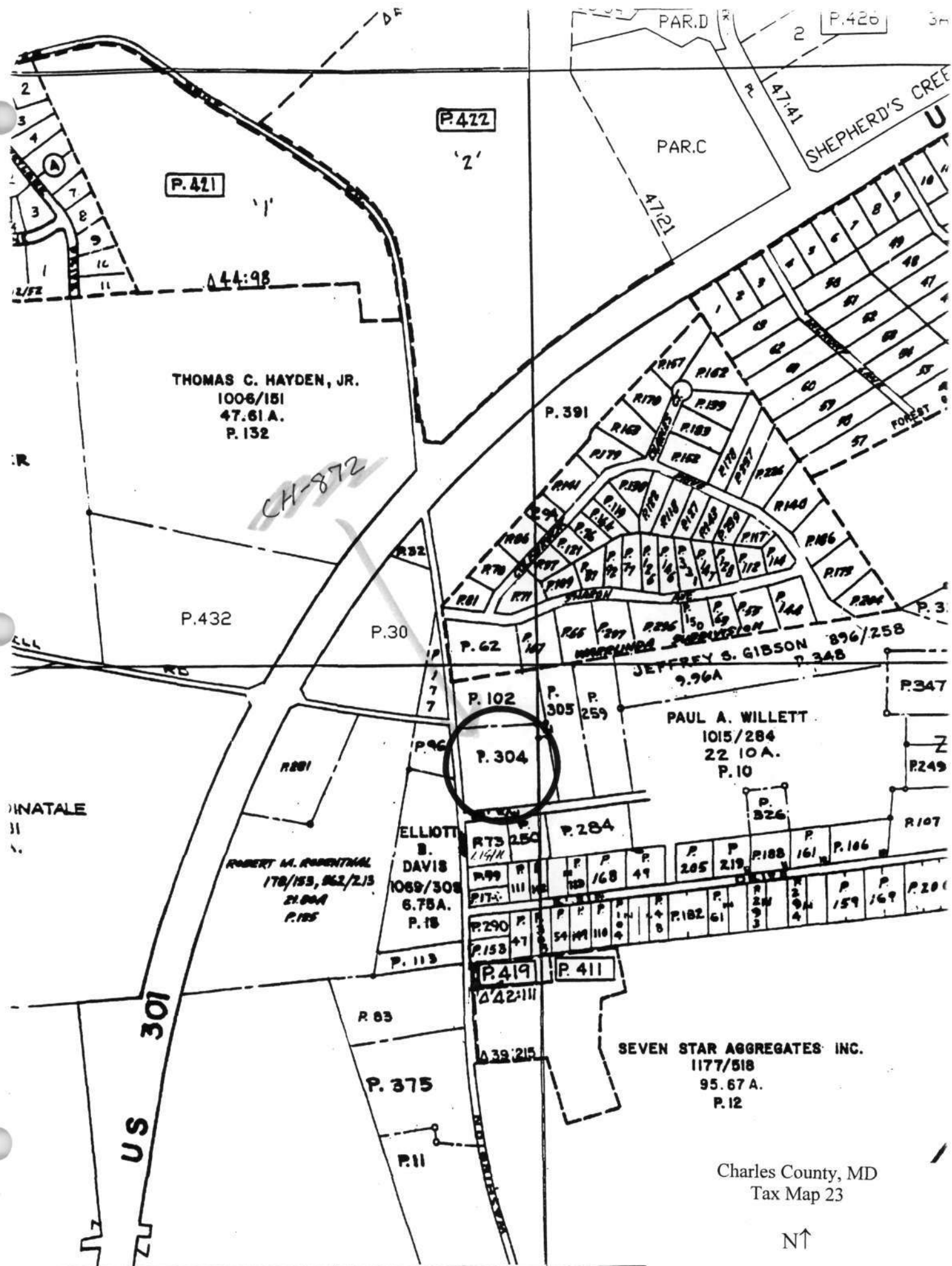
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 Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>10/27/99</u> Date
 Reviewer, NR Program	<u>1/19/02</u> Date

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1896.

Towards the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, road improvements and developments also contributed to La Plata's community evolution. In particular, the Robert Crain Highway, later expanded as part of U.S. 301, attracted new development to older communities along its corridor. Crain Highway brought commercial development on La Plata's west side and contributed to the Charles County seat's overall growth in the 1920s and 1930s.

Built circa 1900, this Colonial Revival-style house is not eligible for the National Register. While it is typical of the residential development along Washington Avenue, this resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.



Charles County, MD  
Tax Map 23

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The map displays a residential area with various property lots and owners. Key features include:

- Topography:** Contour lines indicating elevation, with a peak of 209 feet in the upper left.
- Roads:** Turkey Hill Road, Winkler Lane, and a road labeled 301 (likely a highway or railroad right-of-way).
- Property Owners and Lots:**
  - THOMAS C. HAYDEN, JR.** (1006/181, 47.61 A., P. 132) - Owner of a large central lot.
  - JOSEPH P. DINATALE** (164/361, 76.74 A., P. 186) - Owner of a lot in the lower left.
  - PAUL A.** (1015/22, P. 1) - Owner of a lot in the lower right.
  - JEFFREY S.** (9.96 A.) - Owner of a lot in the lower right.
  - SEVEN STAR AG** (1177/81, 95.61) - Owner of a lot in the bottom right corner.
- Other Owners and Lots:**
  - CH-232** (Lots 1-11, 12-20)
  - CH-868** (Lots 1-11, 12-20)
  - CH-870** (Lots 1-11, 12-20)
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View looking east, West Elevation  
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